



Quarter to begin on Friday

By KEITH UNGER
Student Writer

Although students may not like the idea of beginning classes on a Friday next quarter, this inconvenience will benefit the students and university in the long run, according to Dr. Milton Simmons, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The first day of classes for this spring quarter begins on Friday, March 25, thus eliminating three extra days the students could have before returning to campus. It may also cause problems such as extensive absenteeism on the first day and an increase in the number of students who fail to register until the following Monday.

The school calendar that UTM now follows is a very complex undertaking that has to take student needs as well as

administrative requirements into consideration.

The calendar is designed by an ad hoc committee and submitted to the Academic Senate for review. The present calendar was selected over several other alternative submissions but Simmons points out, "It is very hard to develop an ideal calendar."

Simmons said that other factors, such as a set commencement date, study day and time for spring break, influence the school calendar.

"We also have to put out a calendar that can facilitate transfers from community colleges and some of our students who may need to transfer to some other program," he said.

"If we moved the quarter back to the following Monday, we would be adding that many days onto the

end of the quarter. So it is extra time."

"The average regular class study day is on Monday. The examination week is on Friday. I found that both of these times are very important to the students."

"It is very difficult to move anything without creating a different set of problems."

According to Simmons, there are many advantages to the present calendar. 1) Present calendar finishes terms two to four days earlier in the spring quarter and approximately seven days earlier in the summer. 2) Students are more likely to obtain summer jobs. 3) School of Education is better accommodated. 4) Calendar closely follows calendar at UT Knoxville. and 5) Commencement date can be moved up.

This calendar also maintains the

night spring break, study day, and examination week.

Simmons' main concern about the present calendar for is on the scheduling of classes on Friday.

The disadvantages of this calendar will be the probability of more students being absent from the first day of classes, teachers possibly missing the first day of classes, and especially the increase in students who fail to register the following Monday," he said.

This situation will occur again next spring quarter (Spring '84), but Simmons says that the calendar will not be changed at the present time.

"I understand the students point of view on this, but this can be beneficial," he said.

"The first day of classes can be lost profitably whether it's on a Monday or a Friday."



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Poor student attendance may be the result of classes beginning on Friday this Spring quarter.

Coates to appeal SGA decision

By KEELY DAMRON
Associate News Editor

An ex-SGA Congressperson has appealed a Congress decision reinstating Nancy Churchill as a representative of Congress, after she violated the attendance policy.

Roger Coates, a sophomore from Centerville, holds that Congress has not kept its word about being stiff on the reinstatement of Congress members who violate the self-made attendance policy.

Fall quarter, Coates was removed from Congress after missing two meetings without providing for an alternate. Coates appealed his case before a chosen Appeals Committee, who in turn proposed to Congress that Coates not be reinstated because of irresponsibility and to "set precedence" about the attendance policy. Congress voted 22-6 not to

reinstating Coates.

Nancy Churchill was removed from Congress this quarter, also for missing two meetings without providing for an alternate. Churchill appealed to the

Congress, asking it to recognize her past record as a member of Congress and her attitude toward Congress. Congress then voted to reinstate Churchill 22-5.

Coates believes the cases are

objective as each appeal to Congress for reinstatement is handled individually. Harris recognizes that there is no way to account for personal feelings that may exist within Congress members.

Churchill's only statement is that she felt that it was her responsibility to appeal to Congress, but that it was Congress' decision to reinstate her.

Brad Hurley, SGA President, has reviewed both cases and found that correct procedure was used in the two cases. Hurley emphasized that Congress sets its own attendance policy and that it is also their responsibility to reinforce it.

Coates will address Congress tonight at 9 p.m. in the SGA Congress Chambers. This will be an opportunity for Congress to reconsider or to remain with its original decision to reinstate Churchill.

If Congress stays with its original decision, Coates plans to take the case above Congress to Student Court.

Coates says, "I will take the case as far as I have to go to get justice, even if it's to the president of the UTM system."

This is a matter of principle and I believe in justice for everyone," he said.

The committee recommended not to reinstate Churchill to be consistent with past decisions concerning violation of attendance policy and because of her statement of being a more valuable member of Congress.

Churchill then addressed committee, stating that her absences were "forced upon her" and that she was a more valuable member of Congress.

Coates, stating that her

absences were "forced upon her" and that she was a more valuable member of Congress.

Coates feels this is basically a case of discrimination but that there may be some personal factors involved. He acknowledges that he was a controversial member while in Congress, but states that he was simply trying to represent the views of the students in the School of Arts and Sciences, and not his own personal views.

John Harris, Speaker of the House for Congress, said that he believes Congress did its best to be



Dr. Rodney Thomsen (left) associate professor in Agriculture Economics and Rana Buchanan, Agri-Business senior from Union City, discuss plans for Ag Careers Day.

It's not just a way of life any more

By RENEE ROBEY
Student Writer

Inflation and high interest rates have caused severe problems within the American economy, with the field of agriculture being one of the hardest hit. UTM, through its agri-business program, is working to solve some of these agriculturally related problems.

"Our goal at UTM is to educate people in both the productive and business aspects of agriculture so they can provide leadership and assessments that can help alleviate some of the problems facing the nation's agriculturalists," said Dr. Harold Smith, dean of UTM's School of Agriculture and Home Economics, which administers UTM's agri-business program, the largest in the state.

"In the agri-business program, we emphasize training in the application of new methods. We try to teach our students new techniques, such as innovative ideas in animal and plant breeding, and the treatment of animal diseases," Dr. Smith added. "By incorporating new methods into our program, we feel our students, upon graduation, are more able to deal with many of today's agricultural problems."

A strong internship program at UTM also helps meet the goal of educating ag business students so they may address agriculture's problems more knowledgeably after graduation. The internship program, the largest in the state, is coordinated by Dr. Rodney

Thomsen, associate professor in agricultural economics at UTM. The program allows any junior or senior agriculture student to explore different areas of interest on the job while receiving academic credit.

"Agriculture has become more than just farming," Dr. Thomsen said. "Today the farmer has to be diversified... a banker, chemist, biologist, salesman, purchaser and engineer. The UTM agri-business program is a unique combination of the business world and the agriculture production world."

Agri-business employers in the area include Monsanto Agricultural Products, Tennessee Farmers' Coop, Federal Land Bank, Production Credit Association, Ralston-Purina, and Elanco Chemicals. Dr. Thomsen works with these firms and many others to coordinate interviews between employers and students. Internships are arranged with agri-business firms in the surrounding area and in several other states, giving UTM students an opportunity to travel to different parts of the country, while gaining on the job experience.

Last summer, 25 students participated in UTM's internship program. One of them was Rana Buchanan of Union City, a senior majoring in agri-business, who worked in the Plant Breeding Department of Dekalb Agri-Research in Union City, where she learned new methods of breeding corn. This is just one example of how UTM students are learning

new ways to increase production efficiency.

"The intern program gave me a chance to get good experience and make some money," Rana said. "The program provides an opportunity for the participating company to get a good look at you, while you have a chance to evaluate and shape your own career plans."

"I believe that the high quality and success rate of our students can be attributed to the fact that we teach them that there is more to their education than just attending class and making good grades," Dean Smith said. "We teach them to work with people, which helps them develop a winning attitude and professional approach. Unlike many larger colleges, we do not have a graduate program. This allows us to devote all of our time and effort to our undergraduate program."

Each year during UTM's observance of Agriculture Week, the School of Agriculture and Home Economics sponsors a day-long "Career Day" program. Representatives from all areas of agriculture come to UTM to familiarize students with the different agricultural fields and to discuss their career options.

The 1983 Career Day guest speaker will be Dr. Thomas Lederer, assistant administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture Office of International Cooperation and Development. The event has been scheduled for winter quarter.

As interest has increased in the agri-business field, so have the job

opportunities, Dr. Thomsen said. "An estimated 15,000 jobs are available to both men and women in the field of agriculture each year and most of them deal with some type of agri-business."

"Agriculture is not just a way of life anymore; it has become a business," he continued. "Many agri-business students don't come from an agricultural background, and at least 90 percent of the students in agri-business don't go back to the farm full time. Our students have found that many jobs are available in numerous industries that are related to agriculture."

An agri-business major at UTM will complete a wide variety of courses before graduation, according to Dr. Thomsen. "Principles of farm organization and operation, along with courses in agricultural law, finance, marketing and accounting, are some of the required classes, giving the student a strong background in economics, so vital in today's agricultural field," he said.

Because a basic knowledge of computer science is necessary in today's society, the agri-business program at UTM recently introduced a computer applications program, required for all agri-business students.

At UTM, the agri-business student is thus required to be flexible. This flexibility has allowed UTM graduates to choose careers in fields ranging from farm equipment and chemicals to transportation and foreign trade

UTM places third in educational ranking

UTM has one of the most successful general education programs in the nation, according to information contained in a recent report issued by the American College Testing (ACT) Service.

Data gathered over the past three years and reported by Dr. Aubrey Forrest of the ACT Service show that of the 59 institutions participating in an ACT project to determine the effectiveness of participants' general education programs, UTM received the third highest score for improved performance by its graduates.

"We are particularly satisfied with our score in the ACT project since the other 58 participating institutions included many other outstanding colleges and universities, including Baylor University, Memphis State and UT Chattanooga," said Dr. K. Paul Jones, UTM director of faculty development and coordinator of the ACT College Outcome Measures Project on the Martin campus. Among the other institutions participating in the study were Tennessee Tech, Michigan State, Ohio University, Texas Christian University, Loyola University of Chicago and

Eastern Kentucky University.

UTM, like other colleges and universities, requires its students to take several general education courses which develop basic skills and concepts needed for successful functioning in society. Jones explained. The ACT project tested sample populations of freshman and senior students to determine the impact UTM has had upon the development of oral and written communications, problem solving, clarifying values, functioning within social institutions, using science and technology, and using the arts and humanities.

"The ACT project results show that UTM is most successful at taking students where we find them and teaching them in the finest sense of that word," Jones said. "This success is no accident."

"Like the other leaders in general education studies by the ACT, UTM has maintained a significant core of general education requirements for all bachelor degree candidates," he continued. "UTM has introduced during the past decade a number of programs which affect student academic achievement, including the special Freshman Orientation and Freshman Counseling programs."

OPINIONS

The Pacer Editorial

Catch That Pacer Spirit- It's Never Too Late!

So you don't think that UTM has any school spirit? You evidently haven't been going to any of the Pacer basketball games, then.

With only two more regular season home games left, the men's basketball team is leading the Gulf South Conference. The teamwork that the 12 members of the team have had to put forth in order to earn this position is shown by their record, both overall (17-7) and in the conference (8-3). Although the Pacers were picked to finish seventh in the GSC in preseason polls, their determination to win and dedication to the sport have enabled them to beat the odds—even if they lose their last three games, there's no way they can finish as poorly as was predicted.

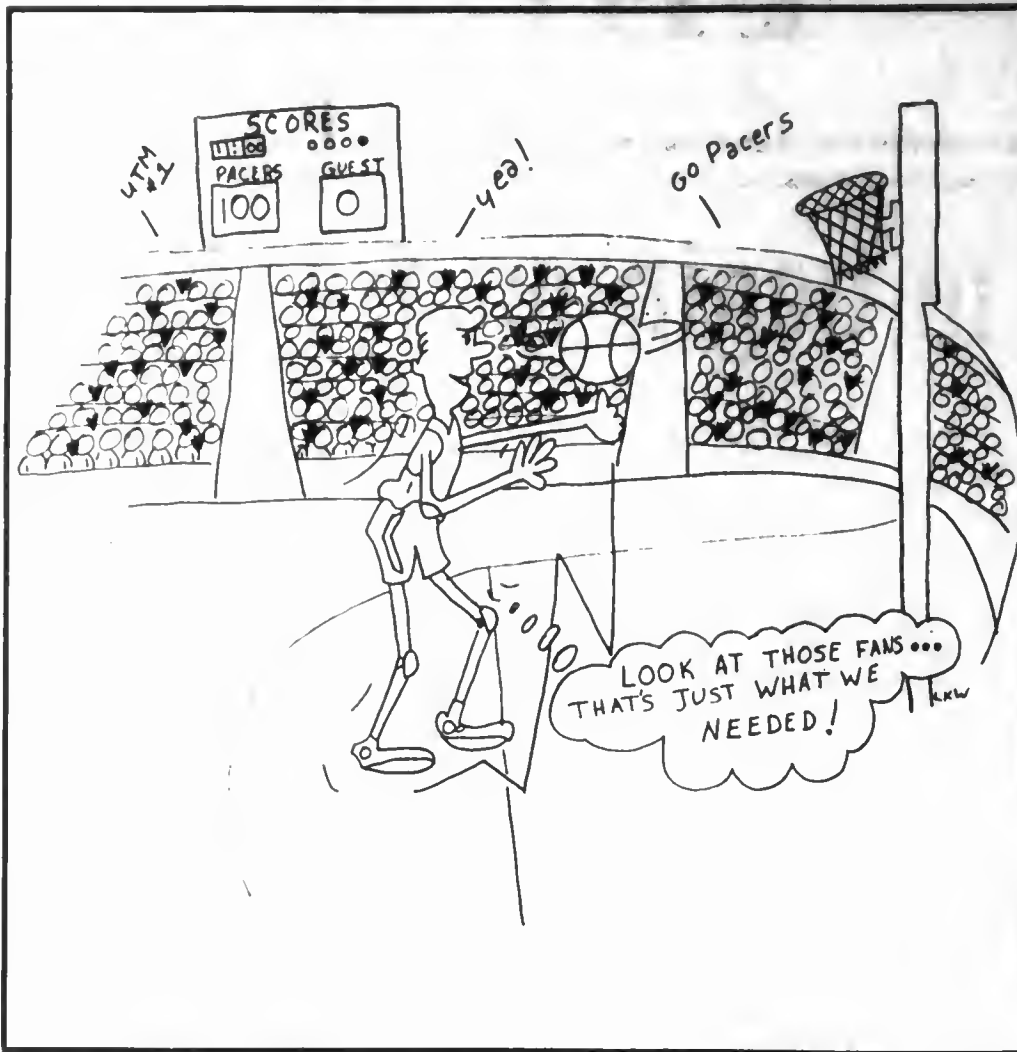
The Pacers have a twenty-two game winning streak at home, but until a few games ago, they had not even won an away game. Doesn't that tell you something? Perhaps crowd support does have something to do with it. Perhaps the confidence the coaches and players gained with the fans behind them at home enabled them to keep their chins up and start winning games on the road. Perhaps you had a hand in their latest win.

The attendance at the last few games has definitely increased, and it's about time! Students account for a large part of this increase, but more local residents are also attending basketball games. And not only are more people coming to the games, but they are getting involved in the action—how 'bout that Pacer spirit!

The last two home games—to be played Saturday and Monday nights—are monumentally important to the Pacers' final standing in the GSC. And depending on how they're ranked at the end of the regular season, the Pacers might even host part of the tournament action.

The GSC may not be the SEC or the Big-10, but to be ranked No. 1 is a big deal no matter what the conference. It's high time that the Pacers receive recognition for a hard fought season. They've done their part, and it's only fair that we do ours. The Pacers are great, but much of their success comes from the support of their fans. Student and faculty need to continue this support for the rest of the season.

See you at the ball game!



Slate of Events

Feb. 17—Congress Meeting, 9 p.m., Congress Chambers.

The Student Government Association Discount Night in Union City at the Volunteer Twin II. The movie that will be shown is "48 Hours." Showtime is 10:30 p.m. Price is \$1.75 for students with valid I.D.

Feb. 18—BSU Retreat "Discipline."

The UTM Athletic Department sponsors its first Hall of Fame Banquet in the U.C. Ballroom at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. Admission is \$10.

Lady Pacers vs. Delta State, 5 p.m., Fieldhouse.

UTM Pacers vs. Delta State, 7:30 p.m., Pacer Arena, Spirit Competition. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will sponsor its 2nd Annual Black and Gold Pageant in the U.C. Ballroom at 3 p.m. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will sponsor its Sixth Annual Campus "Stepping" Hop in the Fieldhouse at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

Feb. 20—SGA Movie "Conan the Barbarian."

Feb. 21—Pacers vs. Mississippi College, 7:30 p.m., Pacer Arena.

Feb. 22—Spring Quarter Registration Begins. Cabinet Meeting, 5:30 p.m., SGA Office.

Feb. 23—Academic Speaker—Agriculture 7:30 p.m., University Center.

Feb. 24—Congress Meeting, 9 p.m., Congress Chambers.

Feb. 24-26—Vanguard Theatre Production "Carnival."

Feb. 27—University Trio Concert—Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building—3 p.m.

Mailbag

Comments on Rape Are Not Appreciated

To the editors:

The article on campus crime which appeared in the Feb. 10 edition of The Pacer contained remarks about rape which, at the very least, are reflective of a mentality belonging to the Dark Ages. The rape "information" in the article contained the following objectionable items:

The person who discussed campus rape tried to stress that it "remains a legal rarity." One may obtain the impression that campus rape occurs infrequently and, consequently, it is not very important. This brings to mind the concern as to whether Security wants to stop rapes or just

encourage charges not to be filed against an accused rapist. Will low rape statistics translate into better attendance figures? Unfortunately, this attitude is all too common on college campuses in the United States.

The common fallacy that women are responsible for rape was promoted in the article. A portion of the article claimed that female students may claim they have been raped just "to make a boyfriend jealous." (Certainly, we all know that most women are willing to claim they have been raped just to make their boyfriends jealous.) Seriously, most women (Phyllis

Schlaflly excluded) resent the illogical assumption that they are in some manner responsible for a rape situation.

The article stated that, "People get the idea that Security wants to cover rape up." Then, in the following sentences of the article, Security's concern with the problem of rape was stressed. However, one can assume from those sentences that Security seeks to keep information about reported rapes from the students. Thus, students are forced to obtain the "facts" about such situations on their own. This can lead to an atmosphere of

uncertainty and distrust on the campus. Students on this campus have a right to know the facts—our safety could depend on these facts!!

The article definitely revealed disturbing tendencies in the manner toward which rape is viewed by Security. Rape is a serious crime which fallacies and masked facts will do little toward remedying. It is indeed unfortunate that, in spite of the fact there is a new public awareness toward rape, such an enlightened attitude is absent from this campus.

By Mary J. Perry
UTM Student

Library Maze Being Solved

Dear Paula,

I was in the library last week trying to find sources for an upcoming paper, but to no avail. Once I found the book numbers in the card catalog, I went to the Stack Guide posted at the Circulation Desk and then headed

problem? Do they plan to correct the situation? Or are we students to continue walking up and down the aisles to find the books?

Sign me,
Lost in the Library

Guides, although printed and ready to be posted, will not be put up until everything else is worked out. The library apologized for the inconvenience, but it shouldn't be that much longer before the problem is under control.

The only thing I know for you to do is to take the card catalog numbers upstairs without referring to the Stack Guide. It might take you a little longer to find the books by searching row by row, but it won't be quite so confusing. And it will be a lot less frustrating!

Cops 'N Robbers

Feb. 9 - 2:30 a.m. - A pair of ladies glasses were found in Gooch Hall.

Feb. 9 - 12:15 - A student caught another student charging food on her charge card.

Feb. 10 - 11:50 a.m. - A Clement resident fainted in the elevator.

Feb. 10 - 1:20 p.m. - A bottle of wine was found in a G-H resident's room check.

Feb. 11- 2:26 a.m. - An Austin Peay resident was reported for slamming doors and causing a disturbance during quiet hours.

Feb. 11 - 10:30 a.m. - The Chemistry Department reported that file cabinet locks have been vandalized.

Feb. 2 - 1:25 a.m. - Two Ellington Hall residents have received prank phone calls.

\$7 goes a long way. . .

Activities Fee Has Advantages

SGA Dateline

By Reggie Williams

It was about three years ago when the Student Activities Fee was first discussed at UTM. Other universities have this type of fee and with the cost of inflation, many thought the idea would be a good one for us. But how can you fight inflation by raising the cost of tuition? To give you a brief synopsis of the procedures the bill went through, the thought struck the 1980-81 cabinet of the student government while Rose Boyd was president. She supported the idea but, from lack of backup support, it died before reaching Congress. For a year it lingered on many minds but Kyle Sanders' (SGA President 1981-82) main goal was to see the passage of

So presently the SGA 1982-83 cabinet under President Brad Hurley has the task of making sure that the Student Activities Fee is successfully implemented. The total amount of the Student Activities Fee is \$7 per student per quarter. The total revenue was dispersed among three independent parts at the following amounts: Student Affairs is \$1, Student Government Association is \$1.55 and Athletics is \$4.45. It boils down to this—the maintenance fee of \$275 plus \$7 equals the present tuition fee of \$282.

When most students hear of a price increase naturally they are against it, but to not consider the facts/figures that account for this measurement would be unfair. Without the fee, discounts would be at a medium—for instance, on concerts such as 38 Special and the upcoming Hank Williams Jr., tickets wouldn't go for \$8 but for the flat rate of \$10. The regular Sunday night movies could have very well been \$1.75 if it weren't for the

passage of the bill. Also, obtaining a better PA system wasn't free for you movie viewers, and neither were the homecoming fireworks and football bus trips to away games during the early part of the school year.

We also emphasize that it is very important for you to get involved and take advantage of student discount prices that come about because of the fee—such as Touch Mime Trio, Tom Deluca at the All-Niter and Amazing Johnathan, naming only a few. All these events were the first kind to arrive on our campus. You might say your money was wasted because you don't like such entertainment. Well, you aren't the only one on this campus—there are about 5,450 more. And if you ask anyone who attended those events you probably would get a positive reaction.

Providing a wide range of entertainment and increasing opportunities for students who remain on campus during the weekends is our

major goal. A few Do-It-Weekends and movies kept UTM from being a suitcase college. We also allotted money for the Spirit Competition, hoping organizations would get behind our winning basketball program, but out of some 93-odd clubs and organizations only a tenth participated. In the future we hope to have some educational programs.

So, students, this is a good estimate of where your \$7 is going per quarter. Just think—without these cutbacks and discounts I know for sure you would have spent over that allotted amount. I hope this cleared up some of the questions or comments you have about the fee assessment. Let's wake up and get involved. There is some good in everything because like I have repeatedly stated—your college days are the best days of your life—it's what you make of it!

My thought for the week: Love all, trust a few, do harm to no-one.

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FEATURES

Todd is blinded by dreams, not stardom



Photo by Gary Richardson

Professor sings the blues

Robert Todd, communications professor, displays two of his many talents—singing and guitar-playing. Todd hopes to record his own album in Nashville someday. Todd says that it is harder to break into the inner circles of Nashville than Los Angeles or New York.

By Barry Warbritton
Editor's Note: This feature was written by Barry Warbritton for magazine publication. Barry is a 1982 graduate of UTM and a former Pacer editor.

The professor, at ease in his chair, softly strums his guitar and begins to sing, the smoke from his last cigarette wafting slowly toward the ceiling, seemingly frozen in the eternal moment of song.

If I could see you in the fall
I'd rush the summer by
I'd keep going on my dreams
forget our last goodbye,
If I could see you in the spring
I'd count each day you're gone
and when the snows of winter came
I'd dream more dreams alone.

The professor is Robert Todd, movie and television personality, model, songwriter and associate professor of communications at UTM. Todd is not yet a superstar, but he's working on it. With his neatly groomed black beard, full mane of hair and deep resonant voice he is an imposing figure indeed, one who would be at home in a Shakespearean play. He cut his acting teeth, however, on the T.V. series "Gunsmoke."

After a stint in college, the Sharon, Tennessee, native left for Los Angeles to begin his search for fame. "I left college when I was classified a senior and spent about four years on the Wild Gold Coast starving," he said.

"If it had not been for getting hooked up with 'Gunsmoke' I would have been back a lot more quickly than I actually was. There was a guy who had a running bit part on 'Gunsmoke' at that time who made a pretty good name for himself later on—he was Burt Reynolds."

During the lean period spent with "Gunsmoke" Todd supplemented his meager income by appearing in

"somewhere in the seventies" with a Winston cigarette ad.

"The one thing that got me more exposure was the still Winston ad," he said. "That had the good fortune to end up on the back cover of Cosmopolitan and from there that thing hit every magazine cover, every filler..."

Todd lights a cigarette and continues reminiscing about his glory days, recalling a couple of segments of "Medical Center" he starred in. "That was another one that kept me alive and got good coverage. It got three exposures, which is an actor's absolute dream. Both segments were played during the regular prime time season and it ended up (among the) end of the summer reruns. It was put back into

Todd, associate professor of communications here at UTM, considers West Tennessee home, even after the excitement of fame and stardom. "I like to be around people (college students)," says Todd.

the syndication and played again."

One of Todd's more recent cinematic efforts is "Singer of Sad Songs," a television movie he starred in with Cheryl Tiegs and Meg Foster. The movie's plot revolves around a college psychology professor (Todd) who put himself through school by singing in bars and "doing virtually everything in the streets, in the dungeons, in the alley." The professor finds himself unable to reconcile the things he preaches from a textbook with his observations from the street, and this situation leads him to the brink of insanity.

"It got good coverage; it crossed the country," said Todd. "It went nationwide, but it was in metropolitan areas. It'll come back. They didn't make enough money on those 50 or 60 syndicated stations."

"It was originally her (Tiegs) and the more that was done, everybody associated with the thing realized that she was not a very good actress, so it kind of took a turn. They opted for a special guest appearance by her, which gave Meg Foster and I the lead. "That's a classic turn and that's the reason I never have understood why her people let her do it," Todd said, mentioning the penchant exhibited by models other than Tiegs for motion picture failure. "It seems like the death knell to a model. It probably helped me a good deal that she was not as strong. I shouldn't be saying that; she was nice enough to me."

Last summer Todd again packed his acting bag and headed for "VEGAS," the "VEGAS" crew shot almost three hours of footage, no doubt providing Todd with more than enough money to keep himself supplied with his ever

present True cigarettes. Since the series has been taken off prime time and moved to late night, the enthusiasm for the project did not run very high. "That was the loosest bunch of people I ever worked with in my life," said Todd. "They knew what was happening, they were finishing a package."

Presently the hip professor's chief ambition is to become a country music recording artist. He has the background, as he has been singing since he was 14 and has been writing songs since he was in college. (He is presently 39 and has been for several years.) He has even toured with the Eagles—well, not THE Eagles, but a group very similar which happened to have the same name.

"I want to do an album of my own

The versatile artist wrote and performed the entire soundtrack to "Singer of Sad Songs" and he claims it got favorable reviews. In spite of this accomplishment and regardless of the fact that the record moguls are willing to buy his songs, Todd has not yet been offered a recording contract. "They'll take the songs; they won't take me. I've had the opportunity for a number of years to let others record my songs. Where I am now I don't have the time (at 39?). If I write it's going to be for me."

Todd considers the teaching profession to be an asset in the television industry, claiming that "You just don't run into many college teachers in television. I am totally convinced that sold me for the motion picture."

He enjoys teaching and living in rural Tennessee and has no plans to quit his profession and make the permanent trek to the "Wild Gold Coast." "I like to be around people (college students)—that's trite but it's true. My family's going to be here—West Tennessee is home. I go out there to work but I come back home."

According to Todd, staying fresh is the biggest challenge of teaching. "Every four years there is almost an entirely different generation coming through. It keeps you young, it keeps you thinking with the students."

Sitting in his modest red brick home with his family, which includes a cat, Atticus, a St. Bernard, Beauregard, and a wife and three daughters, Todd looks like your average cross between a hippie and a cowboy—a perfect example of a college professor striving to be avant-garde. But he has his glorious, cinematic past and he has his dreams for the future. As he strums his round backed Ovation guitar, he softly sings:

But I don't know how we can meet
there's too much in between
I'm held here in a restless sleep
that won't release its dream.

Dream on, professor, dream on.

Study tour to British Isles planned

Plans are being finalized for the UTM-sponsored tour "Medieval Britain-A Topical View of English History," July 1-22.

Dr. Harry Hutson, UTM professor of history and tour director, said the three-week study tour will offer participants an opportunity to study English history and culture, as well as to earn college credit.

Students will be based at the University of York the first week, will travel to selected historical sites and museums in England, Wales and Scotland the second week, and conclude the course with a week in London," said Hutson. The tour features lectures and field trips designed to offer insights into English history from Anglo-Saxon times to the seventeenth century.

The tour is open to men and women at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. At least fifty hours of lectures in classrooms and at historical sites will be offered. The lectures, plus research papers, will provide the basis

for six hours of academic credit for undergraduate students. Graduate students will be responsible for an additional research paper.

Hutson points out that the tour is not limited to students, and that anyone may participate. A limited number of spaces are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The \$1,575 trip fee includes round-trip air fare from Nashville,

transportation in Britain, room, board (two meals daily in York and breakfast only elsewhere) and tuition. The fee for graduate students is \$1,675.

The registration deadline is March 15. However, Hutson urges interested persons to register as early as possible to insure a place on the tour. A \$100 deposit must accompany registration materials. To register, or for additional information, contact the Dept. of History, UTM, 587-7466

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Register to vote Feb. 17-18

The Weakley County Election Commission will conduct voter registration in the University Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 17 and 18.

A Phi A plans weekend activities

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will present its Second Annual Ms. Black and Gold Pageant on Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. in the U.C. Ballroom and will also present the Sixth Annual Campus Hop that day at 8 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. Advance tickets are now on sale downstairs in the U.C. and will be on sale at the door.

UTM Nights Planned

UTM will host a reception for prospective students and their parents, high school officials and alumni of the University on Feb. 22 at the General Motors Training Center, 4771 Summer Ave., Memphis, and on Feb. 24 at the Old Country Store in Jackson.

A reception will also be held on March 8 at the Bell Telephone Company, Green Hills Office Building, Green Hills Shopping Center, 21st Avenue South in Nashville.

University officials will be available from 5-8 p.m. to greet prospective students and their parents. Academic representatives from each of UTM's schools and departments will be available to answer questions concerning aspects of college life at UTM including financial aid, student housing, admission requirements and specific degree programs offered by the University.

Additional information is available from the Office of Admissions at UTM, telephone 587-7020.

On-campus Interviews Sited

K-Mart Apparel Corporation will hold interviews on campus on March 3, according to Sandy Belote, coordinator of cooperative education and placement. Students may sign up for interview appointment times in 218 Gooch Hall.

An on-campus interview will be held March 9 with the Pepsi Cola bottling company of Marion, Illinois, according to Sandy Belote, coordinator of cooperative education and placement. Students may sign up for interview appointment times in the Cooperative Education and Placement Office, 218 Gooch Hall.

Ag Career Day featured Feb. 23

On Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., approximately 30 companies and organizations will be on the UTM campus to talk with agriculture and home economics students about employment opportunities. The program is designed for freshmen, sophomores and juniors as well as seniors. The location of the program will be the first floor of Brehm Hall.

Management course begins Feb. 24

UTM will offer an Economics and Management course beginning Feb. 24.

The course will cover three subject areas: economics, principles of management and elements of business operations. In addition, the management of personnel, finances, production and marketing are examined.

Classes will meet on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. through March 24 in Browning Hall, Room 227. Dr. Tom Noble, professor of management, is the instructor. The registration fee is \$35.

To register, or for additional information, contact the Division of Extended Service, ext. 7082.

Jump Rope for Heart Scheduled

Students at UTM are preparing for participation in the annual Jump Rope for Heart that will be held Tuesday, March 1.

Linda Ramsey, UTM assistant professor of physical education and health and event coordinator, said the event is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance for the third consecutive year. Jump Rope for Heart is the largest special fundraising event that the Heart Association has been associated with in its 32-year history.

Prizes will be awarded to the participants depending upon how much money the student raises for the American Heart Association.

To participate or for more information about UTM's Jump Rope for Heart, call Linda Ramsey at 587-7329 or 7330.

TVA offers summer, fall internships

TVA's Land Between the Lakes (LBL) is offering internships in the fields of recreation, environmental education, nature interpretation, historical interpretation, and multimedia interpretation for the summer (mid-May through mid-August) and fall (September through November) of 1983. Internships are open to enrolled sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Students will receive instruction and valuable experience in the field of their choice. Students receive free housing and a small stipend. University credit is available.

The application deadline is March 1 for summer internships and April 1 for fall internships. Applications will be judged competitively. Final selection will be made by March 15 for summer interns and by April 15 for fall interns.

For applications and for more information contact Intern Coordinator, Recreation, Interpretation, and Environmental Education Branch, TVA-LBL, Golden Pond, Kentucky 42231 or call (502) 924-5602, extension 242.

USDA representative to discuss ag careers

Dr. Thomas H. Lederer, assistant administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD) will discuss "Trade and Development Linkages" Feb. 23 at UTM.

The 11 a.m. presentation in UTM's Gooch Hall Auditorium is free and open to the public. Lederer also will discuss "Outlook for Careers in Agriculture" from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 200, Brehm Hall. At 6:30 p.m., he will present "The Role of USDA in International Cooperation and Development" at the annual UTM Agricultural Banquet.

As assistant administrator at OICD, Lederer is responsible for directing the analysis of development and trade policy issues as they relate to food

assistance and technical cooperation in agriculture. He also coordinates all USDA agribusiness activities.

The visiting academic speaker holds degrees in agriculture and agricultural economics from West Virginia University and the University of Tennessee. He is a veteran of the Peace Corps, having served in India as an agricultural development specialist. He joined USDA in 1976.

Lederer's visit is sponsored by the School of Agriculture and Home Economics, and the Agri-Council under the auspices of the Academic Speakers Program. Additional information is available from UTM's School of Agriculture and Home Economics at 587-7250.

Advising to begin Feb. 21

By JIMMY ARMSTRONG
Student Writer

Advisement for spring quarter will begin Feb. 21 with registration beginning for seniors on the next day.

The purpose of academic advising is to establish educational interest and goals between students and professors.

According to Alison Fuller, coordinator of qualified admission advising, "advising helps students to identify with UTM and feel like they are a part of the campus."

"Academic advising can be rewarding for both the student and professor. The advisor should try to know the student in terms of life values, aptitude, and personality characteristics," said Fuller.

All students who plan to return for spring quarter should advance register. Appointment times listed

below are based on actual hours passed and do not include hours taken during winter quarter.

Feb. 22-8:30-12:00-16:00 and up 1:00-4:30-14:59; Feb. 23-8:30-12:00-12:14:59; 1:00-4:30-11:12:26; Feb. 25-8:30-12:00-6:7:78; 1:00-4:30-58-66; Feb. 28-8:30-12:00-45-57; 1:00-4:30-32-44; March 1-8:30-12:00-21-31; 1:00-4:30-18-20; March 2-8:30-12:00-16-17; 1:00-4:30-15; March 3-8:30-12:00-13-14; 1:43:0-15; March 3-8:30-12:00-13-14; 1:00-4:30-11-12; March 4-8:30-12:00-1-10; 1:00-4:30-0.

Fee payments for spring quarter will be March 11, March 14-17 and will be March 11, 14-17, and 24. All students who advance register must pay their fees or make proper arrangements with the Business Office by 5 p.m. on March 17 in order to hold their place in class.

Cartoons are opinion, not wit

By ANTHONY HUFFMAN
Student Writer

"The hardest part about being a political cartoonist is explaining why you drew a particular cartoon," said Sandy Campbell, one of a three men panel that gave an inside look out at political cartooning Feb. 15.

Presented in Gooch Hall Auditorium under the auspices of the Academic Speakers program and the Department of Communications, the other members of the panel were Richard B. Crowson, editorial cartoonist for The Jackson Sun and Sam C. Rawls, editorial cartoonist for the Atlanta Constitution. Campbell is editorial cartoonist for the Nashville Tennessean.

Rawls said that his editors never tell him what to draw, although they sometimes tell him what not to draw.

"What I mean is that sometimes an editor will kill a cartoon. However, I am not bound to draw cartoons based on the political opinions of the newspaper," said Rawls.

"Editorial departments can do one of two things; they can start a fire or put one out," he continued.

"But as editorial cartoonist, we have to start fires."

Political cartoonists often do a better job of shaping public opinion than do editorial writers because more people take the time to look at the cartoon rather than read the editorial, explained Rawls.

"I get more reactions, be they good or bad, in one week about the cartoons that I drew than I did in four years as an editorial writer," added Campbell.

Cartooning is one of the oldest forms of journalism and its position draws respect rather than disrespect from other forms of journalism, Campbell pointed out.

"I still consider myself a journalist in every sense of the word," Campbell said.

"I may not sit down, think of an idea and put it down on paper in words, but I do have to think of an idea and put it down on paper in the form of a cartoon that has to convey my idea to the reader."

"Some cartoonists are successful in claiming that they try to brighten up the editorial page. But that is not our job; our job is not necessarily to be witty, but to express opinion."

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ATTENTION!!

The priority deadline for getting your same room or residence hall back for fall quarter is March 1, 1983!



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Is Humanities sinking?

By DAPHNA PHILLIPS
Student Writer

The floor of the Humanities Building is sinking, but that does not mean that the building is about to collapse.

Ed Neil White, assistant to the Chancellor for facilities and planning, said that apparently the footing for the building was poured while the ground was wet.

Since the building was completed in 1969, the ground has dried and settled,

allowing the floor to gradually sink.

According to White, the problem can be repaired either by taking out the floor and redoing it or by a process called mudjacking in which the floor is pumped up and concrete is blasted underneath.

Both cost and time estimates will be considered for each procedure, said White.

He added that the problem will probably be fixed between the summer and fall sessions of 1983.

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SPORTS

For the first time in UTM history

Pacers lead GSC with 8-3 conference record

By LIZ COBLE
Sports Editor

The Pacers are now in sole possession of first place in the Gulf South Conference after winning both of their GSC games, played on the road earlier this week. Saturday night the Pacers defeated Valdosta State 75-63. Monday night the Pacers finished their six day road trip with a 53-52 overtime victory over Troy State.

The Pacers now have an overall record of 17-7 and a GSC record of 8-3. The Pacers have never won a GSC basketball title and also have never been this close to winning the title this far along in the season.

Monday night's game against Troy State was the game that decided who would lead the GSC at this point in the season, because it was Troy State that the Pacers were tied with after the last week.

Mitch Stentiford was the leading scorer against the Trojans of Troy with 13. Jerry Davis and Gus Rudolph scored 11 and 10, respectively.

Willie Forbes scored eight and Larry Martin, Kevin Tuck and John Ford scored four each.

The score was tied at 43 at the end of the regulation time. The Pacers were able to outscore the Trojans 12-9 in the overtime period.

This was the first time this season that Troy State had lost a home GSC game.

Saturday night the Pacers defeated the Blazers of Valdosta State.

This loss was also the first time for Valdosta to lose a home GSC game this season.

Davis led the Pacers in scoring with 27 against the Blazers.

Rudolph and Stentiford were tied, scoring 14 each. Martin added nine points and Ford had five for the Pacers. Forbes had four points and Tuck had two to round out the scoring in the game.

As of last week's action Rudolph was ranked tenth in NCAA statistics in rebounding with 10.5 rebounds per game average.

Davis' play during the last week of action again earned him the title of Co-GSC Player of the Week for the second week in a row.

In GSC statistics, Davis is leading the conference in scoring with a 20 point average while Rudolph is number two with a 17.7 average.

Martin leads the GSC in assists with 163 on the season.

Rudolph is second in the GSC in rebounding and Davis is number four, with 10.5 and 8.2, respectively.

The Pacers lead the conference in total offense and are number two in field goal percentage.

The Pacers close up their regular season home games this week as they play Delta State, following the Lady Pacers game against Delta State at 5 p.m., on Saturday, and their last regular home game is Monday night against Mississippi College.

Both games are in the Pacer Arena at 7:30 p.m. The last game of the regular season is against North Alabama on Feb. 26.



Photo by University Relations

Victorious Pacers return home

Pacer Basketball team members were greeted by approximately 150 fans as they returned home from their six day, two win road trip. Members of the team are (from left) Chip Smith, Greg Maggitt, Jessie Apple, Larry Martin, Jerry Davis, Kevin Tuck, Gus Rudolph, Willie Forbes, John Ford and Miteh Stentiford.

Gulf South Conference Standings

Team	GSC	OVERALL
UTM	8-3	17-7
Troy State	7-4	14-8
Livingston	7-4	15-8
Jacksonville State	6-5	15-8
Valdosta State	6-5	12-10
Mississippi College	5-6	7-9
Delta State	3-8	13-11
North Alabama	2-9	12-12

COACHES' CORNER

Lady Pacers know they can



By ANNE STRUSZ
Lady Pacer
Basketball Coach

"If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't. If you think you would like to win but you can't. It's almost a "clinch" you won't. . . . If you think you are out classed, you are. You've got to think high to rise; You've got to be sure of yourself before You can even win a prize. . . .

Life's battle doesn't always go To the stronger or faster woman But sooner or later, the woman who wins Is the one who thinks she can
Author unknown

The Lady Pacers must have confidence in themselves as a team and as individuals. We have a lot of talent on our team but we must all realize we have what it takes to be successful—a winner.

Sometimes a team gets into a slump and does not perform like it should no matter how hard it tries. It is easy to lose the belief that you can play well during a time like that.

Each of us must look inside ourselves and find the qualities we have that has brought us to where we are. Then ask ourselves, have we changed in a short time so that these qualities are no longer there? The answer is probably not. So believe in yourself and don't let anyone shake your state of mind that says you can, and you will. . . .

The Lady Pacers will play Delta State Saturday at 5 p.m. in the P.E. Complex. It is the last time this season we will play at UTM. We hope you will have the confidence to join The Lady Pacers because. . . We Know We Can.

Fans important as season closes



By TOM HANCOCK
Pacer Basketball
Coach

The two wins from this past week's road trip give us the lead in the GSC. However, there are three very important games remaining in this conference race. We are in first place

for now, but it's who's in first place at the end that counts. We need to win our last games of the season to be assured of the conference championship. It would be the first Gulf South Conference championship UTM has ever won in basketball. And, you have to remember, this team was picked to finish seventh in the conference by the coaches.

Come out and watch these young men play. We have a good thing going at UTM and you are a large part of what is happening. I hope to see each of you Saturday night. Thank you for your continued support.

By MARY SCHEIBERT
Sports Information

The Lady Pacers conclude the home portion of their 1982-83 schedule when they host Delta State University in Pacer Arena on Saturday at 5 p.m.

The Lady Pacers, who have won eight of their 12 games at home, have never faced the Lady Statesmen of Delta State. Delta State has a nationally prominent women's basketball program, having won national titles in 1975, 1976 and 1977.

Besides its tradition, Delta State boasts one of the top players in all of women's collegiate basketball. Sophomore Deborah Temple is threatening to earn All-America

honors in her first full year as a collegian. The 5-10 forward ranked second nationally in scoring, 28.5 points a game, and sixth nationally in rebounding, 14.3 a game, through games of Jan. 31, 1983.

UTM is led by junior center Sandra Lise. Lise ranked 24th nationally in rebounding with an average of 12.2 rebounds a game through games of Jan. 31, 1983. The 6-3 standout is also leading the Lady Pacers in scoring with an average of nearly 18 points a game.

The Lady Pacers brought their record to 16-7 last weekend as they went on the road against Austin Peay State University and Southern Illinois

University. The Lady Govs kept closing in on points throughout that game, but UTM held on to the lead and defeated Austin Peay 76-74.

Sandra Lise, the 6-3 junior center for the Lady Pacers, needed only five rebounds entering the Austin Peay game to break the Lady Pacer record for rebounds in a season. She was the leading rebounder and broke the record by pulling down 15 rebounds. The old record of 243 rebounds in a season was held by Lise's sophomore teammate Angela Reaves. Lise is averaging more than 12 rebounds a game. As a team, UTM's Lady Pacers have already accumulated more rebounds than in any other season. The most rebounds by a UTM Lady Pacer team in a season was previously 955 during the 1980-81 season. The Lady Pacers now have 1107 rebounds.

Paula Polumbo, a UTM freshman guard from Germantown High School, ended her free throw shooting streak at 30 against Austin Peay. The streak of 30 consecutive free throws made is the longest in UTM men's or women's basketball history. The longest streak previously was Joe Boddie's string of

26 consecutive free throws made during the 1977-78 season.

Entering the Austin Peay game, Polumbo was ranked fourth nationally in free throw percentage. However, to be ranked nationally by the NCAA, a player must average 2.5 free throws a game. Polumbo was averaging 1.7 made free throws a game.

Saturday the Lady Pacers traveled to Carbondale, Ill. where UTM was crushed by Southern Illinois 79-39. Angela Reaves was the leading scorer with 12 points with Sandra Lise the only other player in double figures. Lise was also the leading rebounder with 15, improving her record to 273 rebounds for the season.

The Lady Pacers close out this year's schedule with three games on the road. Those games are against Middle Tennessee State, Vanderbilt and Arkansas State. UTM then advances to the first Gulf South Conference championship tournament ever held for women's basketball. That tournament will take place at Delta State University on March 3, 4 and 7. Delta State is the only GSC opponent on UTM's regular season schedule.

Final home game for Lady Pacers

Pep rally tonight!

There will be a Pep Rally for the Lady Pacer and the Pacer Basketball teams tonight at 9 p.m. in Ellington Hall's Blue Room. Everyone is invited to come and show his/her spirit and support for the basketball squad.

Intramurals basketball is going strong

In intramural action Ed Niehaus and Ginny Fox clinched the co-rec racquetball doubles racquetball tournament title while Dr. Phillip Miller and Vicki Winters pulled themselves up from an early defeat to capture the consolation tournament title. Tournament play continues in women's doubles racquetball action as three teams strive to break the three-way tie.

Mark your calendar now if you're interested in putting your racquetball skills to use. Ed Niehaus, coordinator of leisure racquetball, is accepting applications for the Single Elimination Open Racquetball Tournament to be held March 4 and 5. Trophies, t-shirts and various door prizes will be awarded. The

applications are available in the Campus Recreation office, Room 1021, PE Complex. Be sure to fill it out and return it with your full entry fee payment no later than 5 p.m. on March 3 to Ed Niehaus, Campus Recreation. For more information call ext. 7745.

In intramural basketball action the LA Lakers broke a three-way league tie to captured the number one position in this week's men's Open I Division standings. In other league action the excitement rests in clinching the number two position. Team competition is fairly evenly matched in all leagues, thus the remainder of the season should prove to be very exciting to both the players and the spectators. Come on out and watch two teams have a good time before the season ends. Remember-do not wear black soled shoes.

Women's Trotter	W	L
Rainbows	3	0
Marathon Forerunners	3	0
Alpha Sweethearts	2	1
A-2 Stars	2	2
Delta ETC	1	2
Lady Couriers	0	3
Rebels	0	3

Men's Trotter 11	W	L
Butters Bearers	4	0
Bandits	3	1
Dukes	3	1
Bo Bo's	2	2
Couriers	2	2
New Wave	2	3
KA Rebel No. 2	1	4
Stops-G	0	4

Men's Open I	W	L
L.A. Lakers	4	0
Gentlemen	3	1
International Lovers	3	1
Facers	3	2
Hoopers	1	3
Mean Green	1	4
Hold Overs	0	4

Men's Pacer I	W	L
Wasps	5	0
Jamm	4	1
Giants	4	1
Riffs	3	2
Fabulous Ones	3	2
AKPsi	1	4
Fish	0	5
Road Dawgs	0	5

This week's intramural scoreboard is as follows:

Women's Pacer I	W	L
Spikers	4	0
Hotshots	3	2
Annialators	3	2
Sigma Stars	2	3
Clement Stompers	0	5

Women's Pacer II	W	L
Zeta	4	0
Rowdy Rebels	3	1
Raiders	2	1
Chi O	2	1
A D Pi	0	4
A O Pi	0	4

Men's Open II	W	L
Kenn-Tenn	4	0
Toads	3	1
KA Psi	2	1
Frogs	1	2
KA Rebel No. 1	1	3
Phi Sig	0	4

Men's Trotter I	W	L
Celtics C-1	4	0
Astronauts	3	1
Geins Maximillions	2	1
Saps	2	1
Cants	1	3
Seahawks	1	3

Men's Pacer II	W	L
D-3 Vault Breakers	4	0
A Phi A	3	1
Sigma Dogs	3	1
Pikes	3	1
Interns	2	2
Taus	1	3
Paupers	0	4
SAE	0	4

Co-rec	W	L
Awe-So-Me's	3	0
Go-Getters	2	0
Bombers	1	2
Sharp Shooters	0	2
Bombers	0	2

This week in sports

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Feb. 19-Delta State	Here*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21-Mississippi College	Here*	7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Feb. 19-Delta State	Here*	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 21-Middle Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, Th.	7:00 p.m.
RIFLE TEAM		
Feb. 19-National Rifle Association Sectional	Murray, Ky.	
*P.E. Complex		

ENTERTAINMENT

Land down under is easy going

By JIM BESHIRE
Assoc. Opinions Editor

John Spurlock, UTM alumnus and Rotarian Foundation Scholar, discussed his year in Australia in Humanities Room 204 last Thursday. Spurlock is a former student of Dr. Theodore Mosch, who arranged the speech for his political science classes. Spurlock spoke highly of the Australians, describing an easy-going population. "She'll be right" is an Australian expression that pretty well sums up the national character," Spurlock said. "It means something like 'stay cool,' or 'take it easy.'" Diggers are a very physically oriented

people. Their national heroes are always sports superstars, according to Spurlock. They tend to take the masculine image a bit far sometimes, fighting for the fun of it or to settle disagreements. But afterward there are usually no hard feelings and it isn't unusual to see two men stop fighting and get drunk. They are also quite chauvinistic.

Aussies tend to scorn religion and culture, an attitude Spurlock considers left over from the days of having to borrow such things from the British or Americans. This cultural Australians (AKA Aussies, or parasitism is now gradually being

outgrown.

Canberra is the seat of the national government, over six states and two territories. The Australian Parliament consists of a senate and a house. Aussies must be 18 to vote; indeed there is a fifty dollar fine for not voting. All labor is unionized.

The Australian media is notorious for its sensationalism, the two most widely circulated tabloids being similar to papers of the same size format in the States. One quality paper is the Sydney Morning Herald. Spurlock says it's widely read.

The university system is very good "down under." Sydney University is

known as the Oxford of the Southern Hemisphere, claiming among its staff in the past such names as Margaret Mead and Radcliff Brown. It costs nothing to go to school, but rather stringent entrance requirements must be met.

Spurlock concluded by noting that Australian students were quite active politically. They couldn't believe our SGA parties had no political commitments on a grand scale. Perhaps the lack of freedom is still fresh in the Australian national consciousness. At any rate, Spurlock said he plans to return someday, maybe for good.



Photo by Hugh Smalley

Prehistoric pottery created 500-900 years ago by West Tennessee Indians is one of many exhibits at the UTM Museum Archives, which is open Mon.-Fri., 11-4 p.m.

Talent shines on 'Thriller'

The latest album by Michael Jackson, "Thriller," is one of his best to date. Today, Jackson enjoys the most popularity he has had since his days as the lead singer of the Jackson 5.

Michael Jackson has long been recognized as one of the music industry's greatest talents, and on "Thriller" the talent becomes very evident.

The major factor, besides Jackson's natural abilities, contributing to his success is his ability to assemble a large group of entertainment giants to help him. On "Thriller," Eddie Van Halen contributes a guitar solo on

best on the album. From its fast pace to its fantastic arrangement, "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" is every second a killer. On the other side of the vinyl is the last and worst tune, "The Lady in My Life." Some people are just better when they wing fast, energetic songs, and Michael Jackson is one. He should just leave the ballads to someone else, and he should have left "The Lady in My Life" off of the album.

A couple of other songs that are worth mentioning are "Billie Jean" and "P.Y.T. (Pretty Young Thing)." "Billie Jean" is the second single from "Thriller" and is rapidly climbing up



DON'T MISS IT!

"48 Hours" is the SGA sponsored movie for tonight at the Union City Volunteer Twin Cinema. According to Rhodes Platt, SGA executive assistant, the movie, starring Nick Nolte as a "Saturday Night Live's" Eddie Murphy, will begin at 10:30.

Attendance was low due to lack of publicity last time a movie was offered, Platt said. "We are hoping we will have better attendance this time," he said.

Admission is \$1.75 for students with a valid I.D.

Feb. 19: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Annual Alpha Winter Weekend will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the U.C. Ballroom with the second Annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

Feb. 19: Open Party sponsored by Phi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will begin after the UTM vs. Delta State game.

Movie disappoints Conan Lovers

If you've ever read any of Robert E. Howard's "Conan" novels or stories, then you will know within twenty minutes that the character in Conan the Barbarian is all wrong.

The Conan that Howard created was a huge, sullen fighter who enjoyed killing and hired himself and his sword out to whoever would pay. He lived by his own morals, and travelled the world in search of treasure and battle. But John Milius, co-author and director of the film version, instead gives us a muscle-bound innocent out on a quest for revenge. What Milius has done to Conan is comparable to what John and Bo Derek did to Tarzan—they've bastardized it down to juvenile sex-and-violence, not sword-and-sorcery.

As Conan, Arnold Schwarzenegger revives the grand acting tradition of Steve Reeves' Hercules films. He has possibly ten lines throughout the whole film, and his accent and uncertain delivery completely undermine the power that Conan is supposed to represent. He certainly does look the part, with huge muscles rippling

"King Kull" stores, which took place hundreds of years from Conan's adventures. King Osric, Valeria the Thief Queen and the Wolf Witch all make token appearances, with no regard for their literary selves.

There are bright spots, however. Sandahl Bergman is a delight as Valeria, Ron Cobb's production design

The Movie Scene by Alex Bledsoe

under fur and armor, but the audience can never identify with him or his quest.

As a further rip-off, Milius has stolen liberally from other Howard creations to people his own mutant fantasy-land. The villain, Thulsa Doom (played by an obviously bored James Earl Jones), is lifted from the

faithfully creates the visual style of Conan's world, and Basil Poledoris' score is worthy of a much, much better film. But, as with any film, pretty pictures can't overcome script and directorial deficiencies, and in the final analysis, Conan the Barbarian falls flat on its musclebound face. Sorry, John.

Turntable Talk by Bart Jones

"Beat It" which gives the song a definite rock characteristic. Vincent Price gives a glimpse of his ability to rap on the title cut. And of course, the giant from the album was the number one smash, "The Girl is Mine," which featured a duet with Paul McCartney. The song was almost "bubble gum" pop, but if that's what sells, then... naturally, the whole thing is put together by Quincy Jones and his production company.

The old adage that says, "save the best for last," definitely does not apply to "Thriller." The first song, "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'," is by far the

the charts. It's a little slower (but not too slow) than most of the other songs from the album. "P.Y.T. (Pretty Young Thing)" is a great song to move to and is one of the few songs which actually makes good use of a vocoder.

"Thriller" is action-packed with a lot of good energetic material, separated by some medium-ranged stuff, like "Billie Jean" (just to catch your breath). With the exclusion of "The Lady in My Life" (and in my opinion "This Girl is Mine," but you can't argue with success), "Thriller" is one of the better pop rhythm and blues albums to come out in a long time. A.

Follies, All Sing to be competitive

By LESLIE HAYWOOD
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Two major events involving lots of competition are in the works, according to Allen McCroskey of Phi Sigma Kappa, and Patsy Bowen, president of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

First, the 10th Annual Phi-Sig Follies has been scheduled for March 8 in the UTM Fieldhouse, said McCroskey. This year's theme, SOAPS, will include the ever-popular daytime as well as night-time dramas.

Allen McCroskey, co-coordinator with Bobby Hunter, said that all the proceeds will go to the American Heart Fund. McCroskey said.

The follies will begin at 7 p.m. on March 8. Admission is \$1.

"I Hear America Singing" is the theme for the 22nd annual UTM All Sing sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma, according to Patsy Bowen, coordinator of the event.

The event, which raised almost \$4,000 last year, is scheduled for April 30; however, the time and the prices have not been set as of yet, Bowen explained.

Contest encourages creativity

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The English Department is sponsoring its annual writing contest, and will be accepting entries in four genres until March 19. The genres are Poetry, Short Story, Drama and Essay, and the awards are for one hundred dollars in each category.

"The purpose of the contest is to encourage quality in creative writing and in the writing of essays," said Dr. John McClusky, English Department Chairman. "We want to encourage students to write. We usually get quite a few poems and several short stories, but very few essays or plays."

The award money is donated by the English Department and is twenty-five dollars more per genre than last year. Since quality writing is the objective, the department reserves the right to withhold an award in any category, if the judges feel none of the works merit monetary compensation. "In an effort to keep everything as equitable as possible," said Professor Victor Depta, who officiates the contest, "the judges in each genre remain anonymous. If the judge in any genre feels he has two or more pieces that are about equal in quality, he is free to contact another member of the department to help him decide."

The works are to be submitted to the secretary of the English Department in an appropriately sized envelope, unsigned. A slip with the author's name, address, and telephone number should be enclosed with the work. The secretary will use an identification system to correlate the works with the authors, and will pass only the works themselves on to the judges. Winners are to be published in Windmills '83.

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